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There will be a Board meeting
on 10 Dec. and a regular Dinner
meeting on Tuesday 17 Dec.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Notify Lion Dick Maurer with
your reservation and meal
choice**

**SRLC CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3,
2013
CAFÉ BRETTON**

**SOCIAL
HOUR 6:00
PM TO 7:00
PM
DINNER 7:00
PM**



November Fruit Sale Success

Early rising Lions arriving at SPHS for the season's first citrus sale were greeted with darkness and a breeze. The pick-up crew went to Clements Hardware to get the fork lift that would make the unloading task a lot easier for us "seniors". A large tractor trailer with over 1300 cartons of delicious citrus were off loaded and placed online to await customers. Bill Z's "warming hut" with doughnuts and hot coffee helped take the chill off of the morning. The SRLC truck arrived and seven hardy SPHS band students off loaded and assembled three ticket booths and the sun finally peeked over the horizon. The first customer arrived at 7:30 am and King Orange Carl announced that "we are ready" and the booths opened as more cars lined up. For the next four hours Lions and band kids loaded the citrus into vehicles and wished the customers a "Happy Thanksgiving-see you next month." Other Lions arrived and carried supplies into the school. Chef George Council and Soup Queen Nancy Burns were busily preparing a hearty lunch that would feed the hungry workers later in the morning. Lions and band kids ate in shifts and declared the repast was delicious. By the end of the morning the stacks of citrus had dwindled but there was still a good amount of "extras" that would be available for sale at the Severna Park Health Center building on Sunday. Special thanks to all the Lions who came out on a chilly day to make the first sale of the season a success and we will see you for the next sale in December.



Severna Park Band Fruit Sale Helpers
Patrick Sutherin Jordan Wood Julia Crabbe Brad Agee Jacob Allison Allison Crabbe



Help in the Neighborhood—Meals on Wheels

Terry Lehr, the featured speaker at a recent meeting, is currently Program Supervisor for Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland and she provided much information about MOW . Currently, about eight members of SRLC volunteer as drop off drivers for two routes in the Pasadena area. MOW provides nutritious hot and cold meals five days a week for the elderly and homebound in the county and surrounding areas. At present over 2,600 volunteers delivered over 600.00 meals during 2013. MOW assesses a fee based on the client's income and expenses but no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. MOW also assists by providing grocery shopping and phone pal programs when this assistance is needed. Lions wishing to assist with the driving are welcome. Our route currently involves about an hour and a half and twenty two miles for delivery to two churches in Pasadena. Lions interested in volunteering to help with Meals on Wheels can contact Terry at 410-626-7543. We are Lions. "We Serve".



Severn River Lions Receive Awards

The Severn River Lions Club has been a contributor to the Wilmer Eye institute at Johns Hopkins and recently Lions Vision research foundation- LVRF- notified the club that we were eligible for three awards this year for our contribution this past year. The Board chose to present these awards, a certificate and a crystal pyramid on a wood base inscribed with the recipient's name. On November 19 three Lions, **Catherine Violette, Ollie Wittig and Bill O'Neil** were presented the awards by **PDG Dick Bloomquist** much to the surprise of the three recipients. Previously **Dale Strait** was given this award in recognition of his service to LASH and the preschool vision screening program. The award symbolizes Lion's commitment to be Knights of the Blind.



V.I.P Seating

If any Lion is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, an award, a special guest, or a celebratory occasion then when they come to a club meeting they are invited to sit at the V.I.P. table, usually at the center of the hall. Chief Head Waiter George Councill festoons this table with fine linen and napkins, real china and silverware, aromatic candles, a brass lion and the privilege of being the first in the food line. Judging from the smiles and pleased reactions from the invitees this V.I.P. table is a special treat and the highlight of the meeting. Now if only Head Waiter George would pick up and deliver the food to these guests he might earn a big tip.



Scout Pack 688 wins-AGAIN

On November 19 SRLC members donated 180 cans and boxes of food for SPAN which were delivered the next day. That night Lions Dick Maurer and Ollie Wittig went to the Pack meeting to pick up a few cans of food-the rumor was that the Pack was not expected to win the pizza this year. As the Cub Scouts and parents arrived carry bags of food it was apparent that the Lions might have to buy pizza again this year. For the next ten minutes the Lions and parents carried bags and boxes of food to the van and we had to concede defeat again. The Cub Scouts had donated over 300 cans and cartons of food that will be delivered to SPAN to help make Thanksgiving more enjoyable for disadvantaged families. The pack was given a hearty "thank you" and we have been invited to assist with the Pinewood Derby in January. The Lions plan to win the pizza next year.

Three New Lions inducted by DG Dan Scott

New Lion **Tammy Jolley** is an Arkansas native but currently lives in Odenton to be closer to her family. Tammy is currently the Director of Educational Technology for the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Prior to coming to this area Tammy had served as a higher education administrator and most recently was the Academic Vice Chancellor at one of the University of Arkansas Community Colleges. Tammy is no stranger to service organizations and was a member of the Rotary Club and the local United Way Board in her home state. Tammy expressed interest in the Lions club because of our emphasis on sight preservation activities and is looking forward to participating in SRLC's many community service programs. We welcome Tammy to SRLC and are looking forward to working with her to benefit our community



DG Dan Scott

Diana Wailes

Tammy Jolley

Jill Gomes

Sponsor Sue Parks

Welcome Diana Wailes

New Lion Diana Wailes is a New York native and migrated to Maryland from Connecticut in 1986. As an undergraduate Diana attended Fordham University and majored in Fine Arts and Archeology and later earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Graphic Design at Bowie State University with a stellar GPA. Diana has held the position of Vice President of Merchandising with the US Capital Historical society for 21 years where she was in charge of publication of the Capitol, “We The People” and the yearly Congressional calendar that the lawmakers present to constituents. Her career path shifted when, in November 2008, she was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Diana currently is the superintendent over 30 churches and a Minister to Christian Education and a coordinator to Women in Ministry for the Baltimore Annual conference. SRLC welcomes new Lion Diana and we are looking forward to working with her on the club;s many projects that benefit the community.

Welcome Lion Jill Gomes

New Lion **Jill Gomes** is a Registered Nurse in the ophthalmology specialty and first became familiar with Lions vision services while she was in training and practice at the Wilmer Eye Institute where she assisted on many corneal transplant surgeries. This experience piqued her interest in Lions so when Jill was invited to join SRLC she did not hesitate. Jill earned a bachelor of science in nursing at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania and is currently working toward a master’s degree in healthcare administration at University of Maryland, University College. Jill, her husband, and two daughters currently live in Cape St, Claire. In her spare time Jill enjoys spending time with the family, touring local sites of interest, and attending her daughter’s sporting events. Jill’s experience will make her a valuable asset for our club and we are looking forward to working with her on our club’s vision services.

SRLC Returns to PPPCS

Several weeks ago a team of Lions did a preschool vision screening at Patterson Park Public Charter School in Baltimore City and on November 1 three Lions, Catherine Violette, Dale Strait, and Ollie Wittig returned to PPPCS to finish the screenings that would test to see if any of the youngsters had any of the conditions that cause amblyopia-lazy eye- a condition, that if caught early, can be corrected. At 9:00 am the preschoolers and kindergartners arrive in groups of six or seven with their teacher. Lion Ollie used the pet Lion to tell them what the testing is about then they moved first to Lion Dale Strait's corner where he showed the SureSight and PlusOptix devices and began testing the youngsters. Printouts with the results showed whether each was PASS or REFER and the tabs were recorded. The youngster next moved to Lion Catherine's area where she showed them the special book and the "magic glasses" need to be able to see the pictures. This tested a child's stereoscopic vision which helps them to read more clearly. Fifty five youngsters were screened during the five hour session and there were 48 with PASS and 7 with REFER for this session. Parents or guardians of all children screened will get a report on the results. Parents of REFER youngsters also received a list of eye doctors in the area and a doctor return form that will be completed and returned to the Lions. It is always fun to work with preschool and kindergarten age youngsters and the service that Lions provide with the preschool vision screening program is another example of a valuable service Lions provide. In the next several months SRLC will return to other Baltimore City schools to provide screenings at those locations. We are Lions- "We Serve."



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